



ASCENSION SUNDAY - MAY 29, 2022

**HYMN SING**



## OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**PRELUDE** - *Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor*, arr. P. Manz<sup>1</sup>

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples!

**People: God has gone up with a shout of joy.**

Leader: The Lord Jesus Christ has risen to reign;

**People: his is the name above all names.**

Leader: We are witnesses: the Lord is risen!

**People: Christ has ascended to reign on high.**

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

**HYMN 258** - *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!*, Deo Gracias<sup>2</sup>

A brief fanfare will introduce each verse of the hymn.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give him glory. Forgive us, and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body.**

(Continue with silent confession)...Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: The God of all grace, who calls us to eternal glory in Jesus Christ, will restore, support, and strengthen us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*ACCLAMATION HYMN 587 - *Alleluia!*, Celtic Alleluia<sup>3</sup>**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST LESSON** - Psalm 47:1-4

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy. For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth. He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet. He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

**HYMN 267** - *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*, Madrid<sup>4</sup>

**HYMN 273** - *He Is King of Kings*, He Is King<sup>5</sup>

**\*HYMN 268** - *Crown Him with Many Crowns*, Diademata<sup>6</sup>

**SECOND LESSON** Psalm 47:5-7

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises; Sing praises to our King, sing praises. For God is the king of all the earth. Sing praises with a psalm.

**HYMN 260** - *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*, Hyfrydol<sup>7</sup>

**HYMN 630** - *Fairest Lord Jesus*, Crusaders' Hymn<sup>8</sup>

**\*HYMN 263** - *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*, Coronation<sup>9</sup>

**THIRD LESSON** Psalm 47: 8-9

God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne. The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted.

**HYMN 756** - *O God of Every Nation*, Llangloffan<sup>10</sup>

**HYMN 264** - *At the Name of Jesus, King's Weston*<sup>11</sup>

**\*HYMN 269** - *Lead On, O King Eternal!, Lancashire*<sup>12</sup>

**FOURTH LESSON** Luke 24: 44-53

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.' Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

**HYMN 270** - *O Lord, You Are My God and King, Jerusalem*<sup>13</sup>

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Joys and Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer  
The Lord's Prayer

**PRAYER RESPONSE HYMN 243** - *Be Not Afraid, Taize Ecumenical Community*<sup>14</sup>

**CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP**

**OFFERTORY SENTENCES**

**OFFERTORY** - *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*, arr. P. Laubengayer<sup>15</sup>

**\*DEDICATION HYMN 609** - *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow, Lasst Uns Erfreuen*<sup>16</sup>

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Leader: Heaven and earth are yours, O Lord, and of your own we give you.

**People: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 265 - *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*, Duke Street<sup>17</sup>**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE - *All Hail the Power*, arr. D. Johnson<sup>18</sup>**

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**Leaders Today:**



Liturgist: Rev. Sandy Nuernberg

AV/Tech: John Tarr

Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman

Ushers: Paul & Linda Bishop, Richard Appen

## WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS - May 29

### **PENTECOST SUNDAY—JUNE 5 HAPPENINGS:**

#### **Choir**

The Chancel Choir will next participate in worship on Pentecost Sunday, June 5. If you are interested in singing, please join us in the sanctuary at 9:00 a.m. that morning for rehearsal of the piece that will be sung in the worship at 9:45 a.m. If you would like to have the music sooner, it will be available on top of the organ console or you may request a copy from Joe Chrisman, Minister of Music, at [westminstermusic@sbcglobal.net](mailto:westminstermusic@sbcglobal.net).

#### **Birthday Party and Everyone is Invited!**

On Pentecost we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. This day is also considered the birthday of the Christian Church. Following worship, we will have an intergenerational celebration with balloons, birthday cake, party games and prizes. Stay and try your hand at Pin the Tail on the Donkey or Stack the Cups. We will also be celebrating our graduating young adults.

#### **Pentecost Offering**

When you give to the Pentecost Offering, you are helping to provide opportunities for young people to grow and share in their faith in Christ. Twenty-five percent will support the Young Adult Volunteer program, providing yearly service opportunities around the world. Another twenty-five percent goes to Ministries with Youth. Ten percent supports ministries to improve education and provide safe havens for at-risk youth. And forty percent of funds raised will stay with our congregation to help support local programs for youth. In the past, we have supported our Adopt-A-School programs. If you would like to donate, you can do so anytime through Pentecost on **June 5**. Make checks payable to Westminster and mark "Pentecost" in the memo. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

### **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

#### **Celebrate with the Fletchers—All are invited!**

The Fletchers would like you to join them in celebrating Garrett's graduation. You're invited to drop in at the open house on Sunday, June 12, anytime between 10AM and noon. 738 Spruce St. Verona.

#### **Vacation Bible Camp**

Westminster and Christ Presbyterian are joining together again to learn about the abundance of God's love and presence in our lives at camp August 1-4 from 9am-12pm at Christ Presbyterian Church. Each day we will sing, laugh, play and learn through bible

stories, art and environmental projects, field games and more. Curriculum is geared towards elementary aged children. Nursery care will be available for kids under age five who are younger siblings of kids attending and children of volunteers. Tweens, teens and adults, you are invited too and can join us as shepherds, volunteers, station leaders and/or simply a friendly face to a young person. To register, check for the link in the weekly email or contact the office 238-3121 or [info@westminstermadison.org](mailto:info@westminstermadison.org).

### **Save the Dates!**

The Thursday Group invites all to join them for their Summer Garden Tours. The tentative schedule is below (4th Thursday of month). More details coming!

June 23rd - Allen Centennial Gardens and Memorial Union

July 28th - Olbrich Gardens and Daisy Cafe

August 25th - Rotary Gardens and Citrus Cafe in Janesville

### **Make Music Madison**

We will once again be a site for Make Music Madison! This year we will host a new group called Pancho and Lefty--they are a guitar/fiddle/bass trio who plays an eclectic mix of Americana. They will be playing on June 21st from 6-7:00 pm at WPC (front patio).

### **IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...**

**Care List:** Judy Braucht, Sam Buffat, Lynn Chapman, Vicki Cothroll, Pat Marshall

**Members & Friends:** Ken Kummerow (Lu's nephew)

Note: The church office will be closed Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day